

**VOLUNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Julie Zelinsky. Members present were Nancy Zabel, Shawna Stephanski, Joyce Melgey, Julie Zelinsky and Bonnie Merrill. Absent was Darlena Loranger. Employee Emily Allard also attended. Julie stated that a correction was needed to the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes should show that Darlena Loranger was nominated to be co chairman of the board and that Julie Zelinsky was nominated as chairman. Bonnie Merrill made the motion to accept these changes. It was seconded by Joyce Melgey. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Financial reports were presented and approved

Library Director report presented and reviewed. Joyce made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Shawna Stephanski. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

It was decided that the Speaking Fund monies would be better placed in the Library Fund line item. Joyce made a motion to move the funds to the Library Fund location and it was seconded by Shawna Stephanski. Motion carried. It was also decided that the Fund Policy should be placed in the Policy Manual. Joyce Melgey made the motion to place the Fund Policy in the Policy Manual. It was seconded by Shawna Stephanski. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting dates were set for 2026. They will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month. There will be no August meeting. Shawna Stephanski made the motion to accept these dates. It was seconded by Nancy Zabel. Motion carried.

Emily stated that the library needs additional substitutes and is scouting for them. She also stated that Chuck Swabby would be a welcome hire as the library handyman. Shawna made the motion to hire Chuck and it was seconded by Joyce Melgey. Motion carried. Emily also spoke about the changing table that will be added to the library rest room. The funding for this project came from *POWER OF TOGETHER 3*.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25.